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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Klaus POTTHOFF
Serial no. : 10/018,421
Filed : with an effective filing date of June 14, 2000
For : APPARATUS FOR OPERATING GATES AND
THE LIKE
Group Art Unit : 3634
Examiner : Jerry E. Redman
Docket : INTSER P26AUS

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed March 12, 2003, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Drawings:

Please cancel Fig. 6 and amend ^{Fig?} claim 7 of the drawings presently on file per the attached Submission. The Applicant respectfully requests deferment of formal entry of such drawing amendments until such time as the Examiner approves the requested drawing amendment(s).

In the Specification:

Please cancel paragraphs 3, 8, 11, 17, 18, 19 and 39 of the specification, in its entirety, in favor of a clean form of paragraphs 11, 18 and 39 of the specification, without any markings thereon, as follows. Accompanying this response is a copy of the original paragraphs of the specification which show the addition(s) (by bolding and underlining) and the deletion(s) (by strikeout) to the canceled specification paragraphs. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 14-26 in favor of new claims 27-40 as follows.

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[003] FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[008] SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[011] BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[017] ~~Fig 6 a perspective view of a detail shown in Fig 5; and~~

[018] Fig ~~7~~6 an alternative schematic diagram, similar to the one shown in Fig 4.

[019] DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[039] In the diagram shown in Fig ~~7~~6, besides the symbols already described, symbol 2 represents three measuring/aeration (venting) points, 5 a manometer, 21 three check valves, 23 a pressure limiting valve and 25 a manual opening valve.